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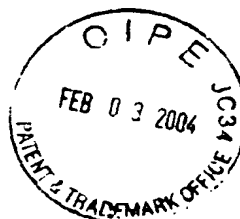
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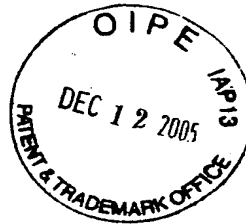
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Domenico SANFILIPPO, et al.

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ALLOWED: October 25, 2005

(Application Filed: July 23, 2003)

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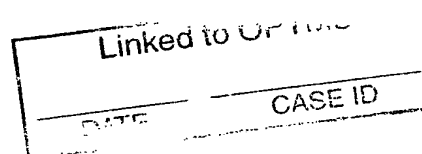
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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 25, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the production of synthesis gas from heavy charges comprising:

~~partially oxidizing a partial oxidation of~~ heavy charges with oxygen or air enriched in oxygen in ~~the~~ a presence of vapour carried out at temperatures higher than 1000°C and pressures equal to or higher than 20 atm;

~~and the subsequent cooling, after partially oxidizing, of the~~ a synthesis gas obtained, by ~~the direct injection of~~ directly injecting water into the synthesis gas itself followed by the ~~separation of~~ separating the water effected by means of an adduction pipe surrounded by a an open concentric tube open at both ends so as to form a ring through which ~~the~~ cooled gas and water can rise,

~~characterized in that wherein the~~ a distance (L) between ~~the~~ a lower end of the adduction pipe and ~~the~~ a lower end of the open concentric tube must be equal to or higher than x times ~~the~~ a diameter (D) of said lower end of said adduction pipe,

wherein x varies in relation to ~~the~~ a specific gas mass flow-rate (F), expressed in kg/h/cm², according to the equation $x = 0.026 F + 0.15$.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of the present application.

Claim 1 has been amended to: place the elements of the method claim in a more typical arrangement for method claims, clarify antecedent basis for several terms, and generally clarify the language used in the claim. The changes are of a clerical nature. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that no new subject matter has been added by the foregoing amendment and respectfully requests that the amendment be entered.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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